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REMARKS

Claim 1 has been cancelled. Claims 2, 8-10, 13, 15, 17 and 18 have been rewritten in independent form. In view of the above amendments, it is respectfully believed that all the claims remaining in the present application, i.e. claims 2-21, are in condition for allowance.

Claims 2-21 have been objected to, as being dependent on rejected base claims, but with the Examiner stating that these claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Applicants appreciate this indication of allowable subject matter by the Examiner. Accordingly, as noted above, claims 2, 8-10, 13, 15, 17 and 18 have been rewritten in independent form as indicated by the Examiner. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that all claims 2-21 should be allowable.

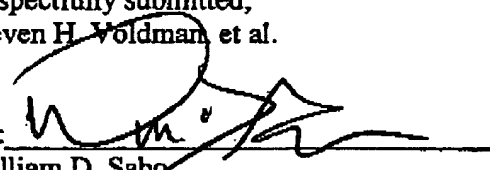
In view of the amendments, all rejections based on the Brown, et al. patent (USP 6,486,510) should be moot.

Applicants respectfully believe that the present application is now in condition for allowance, and allowance of the application is requested.

If any fees, including extension of time fees, are due as a result of this response, please charge Deposit Account No. 09-0456. This authorization is intended to act as a constructive petition for an extension of time, should an extension of time be needed as a result of this response. The examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned if this would in any way advance the prosecution of this case.

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